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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
Filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	SERIAL NO. 09/586,736
Filing Date	JUNE 5, 2000
First Named Inventor	YEZDI DORDI
Group Art Unit	1741
Examiner Name	LEADER, WILLIAM
Attorney Docket Number	AMAT/4256.Y01/CMP/ECP/RKK

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the appeal brief or Reply brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1074/4256.Y01/CMP/ECP/RKK
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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In re Application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/586,736

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ASSOCIATED METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 5-8, and 18-29, without prejudice, and add new claims 30-49 as follows:

1. (Canceled) An anode to be used with a metal deposition system containing a cathode, the anode comprising:

a plurality of concentric anode segments; and  
an electrical source coupled to each of the anode segments.

2. (Canceled) The anode of claim 1, wherein at least two of the plurality of anode segments have substantially coplanar upper segment surfaces.

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